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"Lovie the Lip" strikes again! STORY INSIDE....

Monthly Newsletter of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group

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B.A.R.G. meets the last friday of every month at the BALLARAT EDUCATION CENTRE, Hopetoun Street. All correspondence to PO Box 216E (Ballarat East) 3350, Victoria. Awards Manager: VK3-XEX, R.S.D. Rokewood Junction, Vic.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 28 SEPTEMBER 1984

Meeting called to order by President Geoff at 7.45 pm.

Apologies BNC and NIZ.

Minutes as printed in Newsletter confirmed.

Correspondence inward - Received.

Treasurer's Report. General account - \$376-59.
V.S. & L. account - \$707-08.

Q.S.L. No cards received or sent for previous month.

Awards. Maurie received applications for two D.X. Widows, 4 Goldrush and 4 Western District. \$50-00 to Club from D.X. Widows Awards.

Club Net. George DOK reported that the net is going well with the co-ordination now being shared by four members.

Education. Bob BNC now has C.W. Practice Tapes - 5 to 14 WPM available on loan to members.

President Geoff then suspended the meeting and introduced Senior Constable Gordon Jarvis who gave an interesting address on Police communications.

The meeting then resumed with General Business.

J.O.T.A. Club will participate in the JOTA Weekend by manning a station at Pax Hill Scout Camp. An application was received from the Guides, but this has now been cancelled by them.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Club would donate \$25-00 towards the cost of the Warrnambool Repeater.

With the increase in satellite communications it was decided to make the Goldrush Award available for contacts through this medium. Requirements to be four Ballarat contacts, where the same station is contacted twice a 24-hour delay between contacts must apply.

It was decided that members would assist with communications for "The Great Australian Bike Ride" in December. Further details later.

Hamvention. 1500 inserts have been distributed via A.R. magazine.

President Geoff welcomed Charley BRZ and Peter AWY as new members to the Club. Club membership now stands at 61.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

ROLL UP ROLL UP



- OCT. 17th. Committee Meeting. 7:30pm
(Ed Centre)
- OCT. 19th. Ladies Meeting. 8:00pm. All
Welcome at 829 Laurie St.
- OCT. 26th. Club Meeting. 7:30pm. (Ed Centre)
"Hamvention Details"
- ** NOV. 10th & 11th "HAMVENTION '84"
- NOV. 21st. Committee Meeting. 7:30pm
(Ed. Centre)
- NOV. 23th. Ladies Meeting. 8:00pm. at
829 Laurie St. 321037
- NOV. 30th. Club Meeting. (Ed Centre) 7:30pm
"Show & Tell-Natter Nite"
- ** DEC. 7th & 8th. "Great Caltex Bike Ride". Ops needed.....
- * DEC. 14th. "Nite Out or Xmas Break-up". Call it what you will; But
come along to the 'Sportsman's Tavern. (Doveton St.)
- * DEC. 16th. Family 'Fun Day'. With Santa and all that beaut stuff!
Venue: Buninyong Gardens.
- *** MERRY XMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR ***
- JAN. 16th. Committee Meeting. 8:00pm ...Note: 829 Laurie St.
- JAN. 25th. Club Meeting. 8:00pm. (Ed Centre) 'Show off that sun tan'
- * FEB. 9th & 10th. 'John Moyle Field Day'. Win this year ?????
(Pentland Hills)
- FEB. 13th. Committee Meeting. 8:00pm. (Ed Centre)
- FEB. 15th. Ladies Meeting. 8:00pm. At 829 Laurie St. !!!!!
- FEB. 22nd. Club Meeting. 8:00pm. (Ed Centre)
"Computing & A.R." - Peter VK3DPY.
- MARCH. ??? Lost my crystal ball

Just a word from the Editor



In this age of High Technology, of microchip mania, Muzak and other computer generated whizzbangery it is gratifying to see that certain basic communication skills still have a place to fill. And, I might add, they do it a good deal more effectively, more reliably and much swifter than most solid state devices can provide. I mean, - look at it: The bands can close down on you at the drop of the hat; microprocessors can and will blow their stack, transistors, FETs, electrolytics and zeners will all snuff it just when you need them most with monotonous speed and regularity. HOWEVER....there's one thing which will NEVER ever let you down and practically guarantee 100% that a message will definitely and positively get through to the greatest mass of listening hams: Just make one lousy mistake and tell a ham.

That, my friends, is guarantee enough to ensure that somebody, (specially if that somebody happens to be "Louie the Lip") will spread the story faster than the speed of light to the greatest number of people possible, - thereby ensuring the greatest run of "haw-haw-I-told-yer-so" comments for quite some time to come.

May laryngitis strike his vocal chords; may all his budgies turn into emus and kick his.....well, you know the story.

Mind you, I'm not a vindictive person. Heaven knows, I'd be the last man to point the bone at somebody like that, even if provoked to the utmost. Yet....I hope that abovementioned "Louie" never gets found out when dropping his bundle....haw haw haw.

Keep looking over your shoulder, Louie. I'll be watching!

SERIOUSLY, FALLERS.....

seems that the BOOKING FEES for the Ballarat HAMVENTION are very slow in coming through. The club will have to make a substantial downpayment for the catering soon, so PLEASE send your application AND payment in straight away. we need to know the numbers of people attending and we need the brass. 30: Send yours to P.O.Box 216E Ballarat East or make payment at the next meeting. THIS MATTER IS OF GREAT URGENCY, SO DON'T DELAY

Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting

Meeting was held at 829 Laurie St. at 8pm.
Elections were held to elect our office bearers.

President: Judy Smith.

Secretary: Yvonne Wroe.

Treasurer: Betty Terril.

Committee: Gwen Davidson.

Therese Hekkema.

Pearl Hughes.

Jan Antosiewicz.

June Forrester.

Kim Turner.

Apologies were received from Pat Foley, Vera Wright, Mrs. Bilston, Tess Hilverts and Marj Batt.

Business: The Ladies received a cheque for \$50.00 from the Club, to get us started. Thank-you gentlemen, we appreciate your confidence in us. A bank account is to be opened at V.S. & L. with Judy and Betty to co sign all transactions.

Raffle: Our raffle for a 7 piece Water Set will be drawn at the Club Meeting on the 28th. October. Could all members please bring raffle tickets and money to our next meeting on the 19th. of October, so we can work out all the necessary paper work. **DON'T FORGET** our raffle for the "Hamvention" All tickets will be handed out at our next meeting.

Break-up for Christmas. Will be held at the Sportsmans Tavern on the 14th. of December. at approximately 7.30pm. Please all try to come along. We have made a booking for 50. Let's all make this a fun night!

Family "Fun Day". SANTA for the children. Bar-b-que, lovely big shade trees, a really great spot. **DON'T FORGET THE DATE!** DECEMBER 16th. at the BUNINYONG GARDENS.

Meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.

Next meeting will be held at 829 Laurie Street, at approximately 7.30pm. All welcome. This is a very important meeting because we have to finalize the catering for the "Hamvention".

Date: 19th. of October. Please **DON'T FORGET!**



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"KEITH ROGET MEMORIAL NATIONAL PARKS AWARD"

North, South, East or West, whichever direction you go, there will be one of Victoria's 31 National Parks (see map overleaf).

Next time you go for a picnic, take a camping holiday, or go mobile/portable, make it an opportunity to activate one of these National Parks and support the WIA Victorian Division's Keith Roget Memorial National Parks Award.

Remember, by operating from a National Park you help both yourself and the radio amateurs you contact to qualify for this award.

Requirements: Radio amateurs living in VK3 must have worked from and/or to 16 Victorian National Parks. Anyone who can provide proof of having worked from or to a Victorian National Park can include that contact in their claim.

There is no time limit to make the contacts. If you hold the original National Parks Award you only have to obtain sufficient additional parks to bring your total of parks to 16.

The same rules apply for short wave listeners on a heard and confirmed basis.

Verification: Certified log extracts or QSL's are to be submitted with each claim showing that 2 way contacts have taken place.

Claims for the award together with \$2 (AUST.) or equivalent should be made to

National Parks Award Manager
WIA Victorian Division
412 Brunswick Street
Fitzroy. 3065.

(For Victorian release only.)

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WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN DIVISION

KEITH ROGET MEMORIAL NATIONAL PARKS AWARD

A former Victorian Division President, Keith Roget, originally suggested an award to encourage amateur radio activity from Victoria's National Parks.

In the early 1970's a number of radio amateurs activated National Parks and the award was popular.

Following the untimely death of Keith Roget, the W.I.A. Victorian Division Council was kindly given permission by his widow to re-name the award in his memory.

In 1984 the award was revised to reflect the increase in National Parks.

For the purpose of this award, a National Park is one covered by the National Parks Act - the exception being the Grampians National Park, which is yet to be proclaimed.

To qualify, a radio amateur has to make contact to and/or from a specified number of National Parks. Shortwave Listeners are also eligible under the same rules.

There's no time limit - anyone who can provide proof of having worked from or to a National Park in the past can include that contact in their claim.

Holders of the original National Parks Award only have to obtain sufficient additional parks to bring their total to the amount needed under the current rules.

Those living in the VK3 call area must have worked from and/or to 16 National Parks.

Award claimants in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and VK call areas other than VK3 require five National Parks, while overseas (other than P29 and ZL) need only two parks.

Certified log extracts or QSL's are to be submitted with each claim, along with \$2 (Aust.) or equivalent, to:-

National Parks Award Manager,
Wireless Institute,
412 Brunswick Street,
FITZROY. 3065. Victoria. Australia.

National Parks



ABBREVIATIONS
NP National Park

KEY

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mt Eccles NP | 11 Grampians |
| 3 Port Campbell NP | 12 Churchill NP |
| 7 Organ Pipes NP | 13 Ferntree Gully NP |
| | 17 Morwell NP |
| | 18 Tarra Valley NP |
| | 19 Bulga NP |
| | 20 Glenaladale NP |

SWV Port Campbell NP C

250km. South of Great Ocean Rd.
between Princetown & Port Campbell.

EG Snowy River NP C

450km. South of Mackillop Bridge.

WG Tarra Valley NP

220km. On Tarra Valley Rd., 30km
from Yarram.

EG Tingaringy NP C

450km. North of Mackillop Bridge
on the Buchan-Delegat Rd.

WG Wilsons Promontory NP C

250km. Approach on South Gippsland
Hwy. via Meeniyan or Foster.

WG Wonnangatta-Moroka NP

300km depending on route. Via Licola
or Mansfield. Park subject to seasonal
road closure.

NWV Wyperfeld NP C

450km. 50km north of Rainbow.
Yaapeet is nearest township.

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Reference:

FOUNDED 1910
INCORPORATED 1925412 BRUNSWICK STREET,
FITZROY, 3065
Telephone 417 3535

11th September, 1984.

TO: DISTRIBUTION
FROM: WICEN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: THE GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

Please find attached information regarding the Great Victorian Bike Ride (GVBR) and Mr. Graham Rebbeck's request for communications support for the event. Central Committee has undertaken to provide this support and now seeks your co-operation in making WICEN's performance a success. WICEN will derive considerable exposure and publicity from this event, and it must be conducted in a well co-ordinated and highly professional manner.

You will note that the tour proceeds as follows:-

Days 1 & 2 - North-East Region
3 & 4 - Shepparton
5 & 6 - Bendigo
7 & part 8 - Ballarat
Part 8 & 9 - West Metropolitan

Would you please contact Mark Stephenson as soon as possible to let him know to what extent your region would be able to provide operators on the days indicated. Even though the event is not until December, a meeting is to be held with GVBR organisers and officials towards the end of September: an indication of your commitment and available resources, in time for that meeting, is essential.

This exercise is quite unique from a WICEN point of view as it requires careful planning, administration and synchronisation to enable 5 Regions to participate. It is a real challenge, not only to the two Operations Co-ordinators, Mark PI and Steve BYI, but also to you, the Regional Co-ordinators.

Mark may be contacted, after hours, on (03) 716-2742.

(D) Derek McNeil

Derek McNeil,
STATE CO-ORDINATOR, WICEN (VICTORIA)

Att.

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FOR DISPLAN REGIONS 1 , 15 , 16 .

REGIONAL CONTACTS.....

VK3ADB Geoff Smith

VK3AEX Dick Antosiewicz

VK3VU Dick Forrester

Meeting held in WIA rooms October 6th of all region reps.
Geoff ADB , Dick AEX attended.

The State Co-ordinator, Derek VK3BYA spoke of objectives reached since the last meeting and also business arising from. We were then shown a prototype video cassette on WICEN training; these will be available soon to all the regions and will cover all aspects of WICEN.

After a quick coffee break, all regional reps. gave a report of what was happening in their area,

THE GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE 84

Part of the Victoria 150 celebrations, this will involve 2,000 cyclists riding from Wodonga to Melbourne camping out along the route over a 9 day period (Dec 1st-9th) Each regional Wicen Rep. shall be responsible for communications in their piece of turf as this great mass of cyclists work their way down the map.

The Ballarat people are responsible for days 7 and 8 (Dec. 7th & 8th), Day 7 is Maryborough to Ballarat, Day 8 is Ballarat to Bacchus Bog

WE DO NEED OPERATORS FOR THIS EVENT ... SO VOLUNTEER NOW !

Regional Co-ordinator.

..... STUDY MATERIAL (WICEN).....

For exercises and as a guide to better operating technique study up Wicen Operating Procedures Mk. 1

If you have'nt a copy , give me a bell swishoo!

Dick VK3AEX

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SILVER PLATING MADE EASY!

Copper Wire and copper strip can be silver-plated without need for electrical circuits by rubbing on a paste made from silver chloride and cream of tartar. The quantities and purity of either ingredient is not at all critical.

The silver chloride is not stable in the presence of light, but it is easily made. Either use two or three crystals of silver nitrate (lunar caustic) dissolve in water, or dissolve a scrap of silver in nitric acid and dilute the remaining fluid with water. Add to this a solution of common salt in water, which should precipitate the white chloride.

When this settles, pour off the excess liquid, then add clean water and shake up. Allow the chloride to settle again, pour off the water and repeat this washing process three or four times. Finally add dry cream of tartar to form a paste.

Clean the copper well, moisten with a salt solution and then rub on the paste with a soft rag. This forms a coating of silver (not quicksilver) which is permanent in its qualities.

Thickness of the finished coat depends on the amount of rubbing and the process can be repeated as many times as necessary.

Thought this might be of interest for the "Home Brewers"

Found this article in an old Radio & Hobbies, January 1947.

VK3 YMW Max.

KINKY HINTS....

If your old faithful wireless needs a new paint job or you want that special touch to that home-rolled project, try some of the Auto Spray Touch-up paints available from most car-part dealers.

THE FINISH is far better than that of spray enamel and the choice of colours far greater,

However the cost by volume compared with spray enamel is much higher, the results in many cases are worth it.

WORTHY OF NOTE

Concerning the 1984 HAMVENTION.... The No. 1 Hamvention I.D. Badge goes to Mr Peter Kenyon LZ0037

Congratulations Peter! and we hope that the rest of you local lads are just as quick in forwarding your registration forms.....

CONTACT DICK ANTOSIEWICZ VK3AEX.....NOW.

RADIO AMATEUR COURSES FOR 1984/85

Want to become a Radio Amateur or upgrade your current licence?

Join others like yourself at the Wireless Institute theory and morse code classes.

The W.I.A. Victorian Division holds classes one evening a week for six months ending in time for the DOC examinations.

Novice classes begin Tuesday, 26th February, 1985.

AOCP classes start Monday, 25th February, 1985.

To help you better prepare for the DOC exams, there are special revision weekends held on -

Novice - 27th & 28th October, 1984,
2nd & 3rd February, 1985.

AOCP - 10th & 11th November, 1984,
9th & 10th February, 1985.

To enrol, or for inquiries, contact:-

Education Officer,
Wireless Institute,
412 Brunswick Street,
Fitzroy. 3065. Vic., or
phone (03) 417-3535.

Theory revision weekends cost \$25,
which includes a trial exam.



News Release

4th October, 1984.

The special commemorative callsign VI3WI is being used as part of the 150th Anniversary celebration of European settlement in Victoria.

VI3WI is being activated on a roster basis by selected members of the Wireless Institute and its affiliated clubs.

A commemorative QSL is available - please QSL via the VK3 Bureau.

A special award certificate is also available for radio contact with Victoria between November 1984 and 30th April, 1985.

To qualify, VK3 stations have to work 150 VK3's, other VK's need 15 VK3 contacts, while DX stations including VK9 and VK0 only have to work one VK3.

For this award repeater contacts are permitted, and claims by SWLs are welcome.

A log extract of qualifying contacts must be submitted with each claim for the award.

A QSL card for a single qualifying contact, endorsed with a congratulatory message on Victoria's 150th Anniversary, plus \$2 or equivalent, should also be sent to:-

Victoria 150 Award,
Wireless Institute of Australia,
412 Brunswick Street,
FITZROY. 3065. Victoria. Australia.

NOTICE.

Stolen from 'Dick Smith' Geelong.

Yaesu F.T.708R Handheld.
No. 2J181471.

Please let Phil at 'Dick Smith'
Ballarat know if you get the offer
of a "cheap rig" phone 315433.

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EVERYTHING FROM A TO Z IN ELECTRONICS

Forthcoming Events:

CONTESTS

November. 24th-25th CQ World Wide CW Contest

December. 8th Ross Hull VHF Contest Commences

A must for the VHF Buff, even if you don't want to put in an all-out effort, fire up the gear and hand out a few numbers,

January 13th. Ross Hull Contest ends.

February 9th-10th. JOHN MOYLE FIELD DAY.

This is the BARG's big yearly field effort, so.... sharpen your operating skills, fill your water-bottle and put your name down for this excellent contest.

For a more concise "look-in of events" consult the 1984/85 WIA CALLBOOK Page 174.

Last Warning!

BALLARAT 1984

HAMVENTION



Come and join the fun on
NOV. 10 & 11